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MONTREAL YMCA PROBE CONTINUES

AS W.N.HALL ELECTED PRESIDENT

Wilfred N. Hall, former president of Domtar Ltd., has been elected president of the Montreal YMCA. He succeeds T. Denton Lewis, vice-president Securities, Bank of Montreal.

In his final address as president, Mr. Lewis noted that the Montreal YMCA, now in its 116th year of operation, is facing many new challenges.

"The strengthening of physical, social, intellectual and spiritual values, and the development of people's ability to get along with each other and work for the common good," is how he identified the job ahead.

Quoting Professor Arnold Toynbee, the noted historian and humanitarian, Mr. Lewis observed: "The tragedy of human affairs is that we have been successful in mastering non-human nature, but have been relatively unsuccessful in the much more important business of getting on with each other."

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F. G. Hubbard, general secretary of the Montreal YMCA, noted that the association has over the last 2½ years been carrying on an intensive self-examination, designed to ensure it remains in step with the times.

"Discouraging and frustrating is the knowledge that there are so many areas of need that go untended. The wastage of human potential is saddening and tragic," he deplored.

Main concerns of the YMCA are:

Youth's rebellion against society and the broadening communications gap between young people and adults.

The often unsatisfied outcry of young people for a voice in many of the changes affecting society.

The need for more programs of continuing education. These should be designed to promote individual self-development and stretch participants' capacities to enjoy more things more fully and to make a useful contribution to society.

The growth of institutionalism and the increasing influence of government on all aspects of human activity.

Ecumenism and biculturalism.

The degree to which Y branches should participate in the affairs of their communities.

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Other officers elected for 1967-68 were:

Honorary President:	H. Roy Crabtree
President:	W. N. Hall
1st Vice-President:	W. S. Kirkpatrick
2nd Vice-President:	J. D. Houlding
3rd Vice-President:	R. A. Irwin
Honorary Secretary:	Albert L. Fairley, Jr.
Honorary Treasurer:	W. C. Corbett

September 15, 1967.